The Committee is authorised to call for information from the Services Headquarters, the Inter-Services Organisations and the Deptts. in the Ministry of Defence and take such evidence as it may consider necessary.

Strategy for next Olympics

*168. SHRI MENTARY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the damage being caused to various sports and games by the constant infighting in various sports associations and all India organisations;

(b) whether any stress has been given to enhance our international standing in various games and sports by devising methods of avoiding faction ridden sports bodies;

(c) whether strategy has been devised for the next Olympics to ensure a better performance for India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Sports Policy 1984 calls upon Indian Sports Bodies to 'present a unified and cohesive image in keeping with the dignity o the Nation'. The Guidelines of the Government contained in 'Opeation Excellence, 1988-90' have also povided for various objective systems, criteria and measures for the selection and coaching of elite sportspersons in identified disciplines, with potential for winning medals in international events, Nutritive diet and sports medicine inputs, appropriate international exposures as part of a well-conceived long-term plan of development engagement of foreign coaches and import of equipments, where considered imperative in the cause of such development, special attention to promising juniors and other such measures are also being taken. Bilateral exchanges of coaches, sports psychologists, sportspersons, teams under Cultural Exchanges Programmes and Sports Protocols calculated to improve our international competitive status are also organised. International standard playing surfaces and athletic tracks are also sought increasingly to be provided. All such measures are directed towards enhancing our international standing.

(c) and (d) While sports disciplines having medal winning potential in international tournaments/championships have generally been identified and training of athletes is in full swing with the objective of participation in Beijing Asian Games, 1990, a similar appropriate approach is under consideration for our participation in next Olympics. The strategy can be finalised after the Beijing Asian Games in the light of the experience gained, lessons learnt and results achieved.

Raids on Indian Fishing Boats by the Sri Lankan Navy

@*169. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI S. MADHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sri Lankan Navy have been conducting raids on Indian fishing boats transgressing Indian territorial waters;

(b) if so, the number of such raids so far, the number of the boats involved alongwith the casualty figures in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to put an end to such violation of Indian territorial waters and the loss of and injury to Indian lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No instance has come

@Prviously Starred Question 29 transferred from the 8th August, 1990.

to the notice of the Government of India where Sri Lankan Naval vessels have conducted raids on Indian fishing vessels operating within Indian territorial waters.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Veer Savarkar

*170. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposal to celebrate the anniversary of Veer Savarkar, a prominent freedom fighter;

(b) if so, what action is beng contemplated by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have provided/propose to provide financial assistance to voluntary organisations for celebrating the birth anniversary of Veer Savarkar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Government had provided financial assistance in favour of Veer Savarkar Janam Shati Samaroh Samiti, Varanasi for 103rd and 106th birth anniversary of Rs. 15,000 and Rs. 20,000 respectively. Provision for anniversary celebrations is discontinued. Grants sanctioned during the current year are restricted to centenaries/jubilees.

Disposal of cases by the Central Administrative Tribunals

*171. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the very objective of the setting up of Central Administrative Tribunals was to dispose of a case within 180 days and with minimum expenses of the parties;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these objectives have proved to be a failure in so far as the Central Administrative Tribunal, Calcutta Bench is concerned; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The objective of setting up of the Central Administrative Tribunal which deals exclusively with the service matters of the Central Government employees, was to reduce the burden of various Courts (Subordinate|High Courts) and render speedy and inexpensive relief in respect of their grievances. Though there is no specific provision in the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 (13 of 1985) regarding the disposal of a case within 180 days of its institution, Rule 14(2) of the CAT(Procedure) Rules, 1987, provides that every application shall be heard and decided *as far as possibble* within six months from the date of its registration. A nominal fee of Rs. 50/ only is required to be paid by a Government servant for filing an application before the Tribunal. It is not obligatory for him to engage a practising lawyer as he himself can defend his case before the Tribunal.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The various benches of the C.A.T. have been adjudicating a large number of pend